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1. A certain Engineer Klaber, chief of Technopromet, Yugoslav purchasing agency in Vienna, whose address in Vienna is c/o Yugoslav Legation, Vienna IV, Argentinierstrasse 26, is attempting to purchase from USIA 6,000 clinical thermometers, galvanized and ungalvanized sheet metal, standard and narrow gauge locomotives, as well as 400 tons of newsprint. USIA can get the thermometers from Germany and has six B-42 locomotives on hand for immediate sale at \$95.000 apiece.
2. The present USIA policy is to abstain from selling material to Yugoslavia. Accordingly, the Yugoslavs have approached a certain Markel, Austrian Communist and USIA contact man, who has indicated his willingness to attempt to purchase the material allegedly for Hungary and Romania. Markel is supposed to have a brother-in-law in the Soviet-controlled Juschweschtrans transport firm who is willing to arrange the transaction. The material is to be loaded in Vienna for shipment to Romania, marked as Soviet property, and unloaded in Belgrade. Markel has also indicated that it might be possible to send the locomotives to Czechoslovakia and from there to Yugoslavia.
3. The Yugoslavs allegedly have 12,000,000 schillings at their disposal for purchases from USIA.

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